



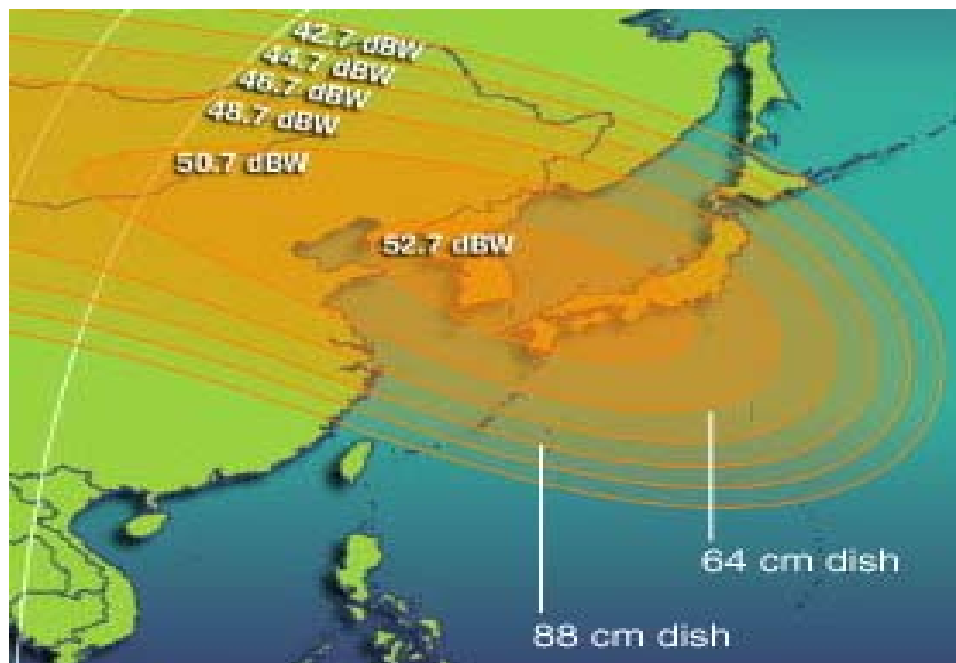
FACT SHEET

AFRTS DIRECT-TO-HOME (Pacific) SERVICE

Since September of 2002, the Pacific Command (PACOM), the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), the Naval Exchange Command (NEXCOM), and AFRTS have jointly sponsored a satellite direct-to-home (DTH) service for servicemembers, DoD civilian employees and their family members living off-base in Japan and Korea.

Using a powerful International Satellite (INTELSAT) over the Pacific Ocean, AFRTS delivers seven television services, a program guide, and eleven radio services that are received in Japan and Korea with a 64cm or 88cm satellite dish (depending on location) and an integrated receiver/decoder (IRD). Both the dish and the IRD are available through most Japan and Korea AAFES, NEXCOM and MCX stores.

Currently, PACOM estimates that there are approximately 14,000 households living off base receiving only one over-the-air AFRTS television service or no service at all. With Pacific exchange stores leasing decoders, all these families can be served with the full compliment of AFRTS television and radio services. As of March 2004, nearly 2,000 IRDs have been leased.



For more information, please see <http://www.afrts.osd.mil>